

## RUSSIA REALLY OUT OF THE WAR

Armistice Causes Pessimism  
Among the Entente  
Diplomats  
WILL FREE THE  
TEUTON TROOPS  
Agreement Fails to Fulfill  
Promise Made by  
Trotzky

Washington, Dec. 8.—Russia's importance as a military factor in the world war must be discounted almost entirely, prominent diplomats said yesterday.

They expressed the most pessimistic views they have yet voiced and said a rebound, if one is forthcoming, will be delayed longer than they had hoped.

Russian diplomats held the view that the longer the armistice continued the stronger would be the prospects of a separate peace.

Petrograd, Dec. 8.—Gen. Grustcher-Batcheff, assistant Russian commander on the Rumanian front, has begun preliminary armistice negotiations with Gen. Mackinnon, it was announced yesterday.

Germany is apparently to be permitted by the Bolsheviks to transfer all the troops she desires from the Russian fronts for use against the allies. The full text of an armistice agreement signed by the 67th Russian and the 31st German infantry divisions, as published here yesterday in the Pravda, shows no stipulation that German troops must not be used on other fronts. Such a stipulation was specifically pledged by Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotzky in a recent speech.

The Soviet Bulletin yesterday published another version of the rumored American military attaché's protest to Bolshevik military headquarters against a separate peace, which Trotzky denounced as "unwarranted interference" and which Lieut. Col. Judson of the American army was reported to have formally notified Trotzky as "misunderstood."

According to the Bulletin, an American military officer visited Trotzky last Saturday and asked if the Bolshevik government intended to end the peace. Trotzky expressed a desire for a general peace in which all the allies could join. Later the officer asked if Trotzky intended acting against the American military officer who protested to the Russian headquarters staff.

Trotzky replied that the incident was closed.

The British embassy and consulate yesterday began the distribution to British cities of special placards to be tacked on their doors notifying all Russians of the nationality of the householder.

London, Dec. 8.—All of Russia's diplomatic officials have been formally asked by Bolshevik foreign minister Trotzky whether they will support the general peace plan. The alternative, as presented in the message received by the Russian ambassador reply is demanded.

The Russian embassy here is not to reply to the message, it was stated.

The Bolshevik committees control a majority of the Russian armies in Rumania, according to word received here yesterday. One division of the 6th army, it was stated, had already signed an armistice. The Russian armies in Moldavia and Bukovina on Saturday openly fraternized with their German opponents. German officers even formally dined with Russian officers.

Jassy, Dec. 8.—Rumanian troops have rejected enemy attempts to fraternize and have resumed action on Russian and German armistice negotiations, an official statement announced yesterday.

The war office explained that the Russians, having proposed an armistice with the enemy, the question arose whether the Rumanians associated with the Russians on certain fronts should associate with them in the truce. As a consequence all hostilities were suspended until 8 o'clock. Enemy troops, the statement said, "loudly manifested their satisfaction and attempted to fraternize with the Rumanians."

"The Rumanians," the statement concluded, "acted with reserve and dignity and rejected the attempts."

**La Follette's Position.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Sometime after the voting in the Senate yesterday was over, Mr. La Follette returned to the Senate chamber and announced that he would have voted against the Austrian war declaration had he been present unless it had been amended to provide that the United States would not be a party to any agreement to take any territory held by Austria prior to August 1, 1914.

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## PECULIAR FOOTBALL SEASON CONCLUDED

Three Great Universities Not in the Field  
of Intercollegiate Sports But Others  
Developed Remarkably Strong  
Teams.

A most peculiar and unusual college football season came to a close with the playing of a number of games on Thanksgiving day and the paraphernalia of the gridiron has been laid away for another year or possibly for a longer period, depending upon the events of the next 12 months. In the East the season was marked by the absence of teams representing three of the oldest, largest and most renowned universities of the section.

Other institutions, although many of their veteran players were lost to the eleven, due to enlistment in various forms of war service, developed teams of remarkable strength, notwithstanding this handicap. Another feature was the appearance of military and naval cadet teams, several of which came near or to being all-American combinations than any eleven ever seen on the gridiron heretofore. In the Middle West the colleges adhered to their original schedules and there was far less of the cancellation of games and makeshift contests than there was a part of the Atlantic coast football program.

Viewing the East and the South as a whole, six teams stand out as combinations of remarkable power and ability when the various handicaps and limitations under which the sport was conducted, are taken into consideration. Pittsburgh, Georgia Tech, Pennsylvania, Syracuse and Rutgers were not all undefeated, played football which in one or more respects entitled them to a higher classification than that accorded the majority of the teams of the section.

The University of Pittsburgh eleven and the team representing Georgia Tech. went through the season without defeat but this was no new experience for either college, as both have had clean slates for the past three years. During this period the eleven of Georgia Tech. have rolled up a total of 1,129 points against opponents' 54; playing 25 games of which 23 were won and two tied. Pittsburgh in the same three seasons played 26 games winning all and accumulating a total of 741 points against her opponents' 82. Georgia Tech. holds the honor of amassing the largest number of points during the 1917 season with 491 while the navy is second with 442. The sailors' eleven under the coaching of Gil Dobie lost but one game and ran up heavy scores against opponents throughout the entire autumn.

Rutgers, although defeated by Syracuse, and held to a tie by West Virginia, proved to be an eleven which improved with every game. Its showing against the team which came as near to being an all-American team as any combination on the field in years, entitles the New Brunswick boys to a high place of honor in the final ranking of the season.

Pennsylvania's chief claim to distinction lies in the splendid fighting spirit developed among the comparatively green and inexperienced Quaker players. This determination to win against great odds proved too much for Michigan, Dartmouth and Cornell while even Pittsburgh and Georgia Tech. found the Philadelphia collegians worthy opponents. Syracuse bowed to Pittsburgh alone and was the best of the eastern representatives in the annual intercollegiate games of the year, winning from both Nebraska and Michigan Aggies. As an offset to this Notre Dame won from both the army and Washington and Jefferson.

Not including several cantonment vs. college games yet to be played, the scores of the leading teams of the South and East for the 1917 season are as follows:

College	Games	Points.	Opponents' Points.
Georgia Tech.	9	491	17
Navy	8	442	23
Rutgers	9	293	28
Penn. State	9	267	61
Wash. & Lee	7	267	107
Pennsylvania	11	245	71
Vanderbilt	14	240	177
Swarthmore	8	238	40
Pittsburgh	9	230	31
Lehigh	9	220	75
Army	8	202	24
Auburn	9	199	152
Syracuse	9	197	61
Davidson	8	170	96
Springfield T. S.	9	169	191
Sewanee	8	166	57
Miss. A. & M.	7	166	33
Alabama	7	162	10
West Virginia	10	161	50
Brown	10	160	62
Tulane	8	158	105
Georgetown	8	139	62
Columbia	7	134	38
Wash. & Jeff.	10	132	36
Williams	8	127	29
Colgate	6	118	41
Louisiana State	7	112	88
Amherst	7	95	79
Dartmouth	8	83	68
Lafayette	8	81	206
Cornell	9	78	146
Harvard	7	75	14

**BUY FERTILIZER EARLY.**

War Board Makes Suggestion to Farmers  
in Order to Help in Deliveries.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The railroad war board, in a statement yesterday, urges farmers to order immediately the fertilizer they require for spring use. The freight situation, the board says, offers little promise of improvement, and by placing their orders early farmers will be enabled to assemble orders and crowd them into as few cars as possible.

**CLOSE SCHOOLS TO SAVE COAL.**

An Extra Week of Christmas Vacation  
for Chicago Pupils.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In order to save coal, school children of Chicago are to have an extra week of vacation at the Christmas holidays, according to announcement made yesterday by the board of education. The summer vacation will start a week later than usual.

## WILSON TO TAKE RAILROADS

This Action Indicated by the  
Conditions at Wash-  
ington

HARD DRIVE FOR FED-  
ERAL OWNERSHIP

They Seem to Have Whip  
Hand in the Sit-  
uation

Washington, Dec. 8.—The country need not be surprised if President Wilson, within a few days, issues a proclamation placing the railroads of the United States under his own control. No other course appears open to him in the opinion of men acquainted with congressional opinion, who declare that the administration never can drive through Congress a bill appropriating a dollar for the use of the railroads so long as they are operated by themselves.

Advocates of government ownership see their chance to take a long step toward it. Congressmen who have achieved much of their political advancement through attacks upon the railroads dare no longer retrace their steps even at the behest of the administration. They are convinced that, in a large section of the country, at least, any action that would tend to perpetuate the life of the railroads under railroad management would react upon them.

Politics, perhaps, as much as economy, appears to be the guiding force in this supreme moment when the most important economic development for half a century calls for the wise solution of a grave national problem. The announcement of Senator Newlands Thursday that the railroads would need a loan or a guaranty of \$1,000,000,000 almost immediately to enable them to meet the demands of the war emergency drove to cover enough members of both branches to create the general opinion in Washington that the president must take charge of the railroads if he expects to get out of Congress any money for their re-habilitation and operation.

The carrier officials themselves are puzzled as to what attitude they shall assume toward government operation. Their own preference would be to continue operation of the roads under their own management with the necessary government loan or guaranty which would enable them to operate all systems as a unit, but they fear also that, whether under their own or government management, the carriers would be unable to meet satisfactorily the needs of the hour and that a wave of public criticism would drive Congress and the government to take over the properties, perhaps to buy them, should the present system of management be retained. They are half inclined to accept, without protest, whatever policy the administration may lay down. Moreover, they have hanging over them always, the menace of prosecution by the department of justice, which, apparently, is unable to distinguish between urgent public needs and its own narrow conception of its technical duties in the enforcement of the law.

It will be recalled that when the representatives of the administration made an agreement with the coal operators, the department of justice instantly threatened a resort to the law prohibiting combinations in restriction of trade. Similarly, when the railroads war board, a short time ago, announced a pooling of railroad facilities which, either rightly or wrongly, was interpreted as a violation of the anti-pooling laws, that organization was placed upon the carpet immediately to explain what it was doing.

**Receiver Wanted.**

Boston, Dec. 8.—The appointment of a receiver for the Bay State Railway company was asked for in a friendly petition filed in federal district court yesterday by Archibald McNeil & Son Co., of Bridgeport, Conn. Judge Frederic Dodge will give a hearing on the petition on Wednesday.

## MORE DEADLY THAN A MAD DOG'S BITE

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## SENATE VOTES SUSPENSION OF CLAYTON ACT

Will Not Be Operative Now Until Jan.  
1, 1919, as Applying to the  
Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The first legislation dealing with transportation problems was passed yesterday by the Senate, which adopted Senator Overman's resolution suspending the operation of the Clayton act until Jan. 1, 1919, so far as it relates to railroads. Favorable action in the House is forecast.

**LEFFINGWELL AID TO MCADOO.**

New York Man Named Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The president sent to the Senate yesterday afternoon the following nominations:  
To be chairman of the aircraft board—Howard E. Coffin, Michigan.  
To be member of the aircraft board—Richard Howe, New York.  
To be assistant secretary of the treasury—Russell C. Leffingwell, New York.  
To be surveyor of customs in district No. 1—William M. Ingraham, Portland, Me.

**FOR DEPENDENT NEGROES.**

\$2,000,000 Fund Being Raised by National Colored Soldiers' Committee.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Needs of dependent negro soldiers are to be cared for by a \$2,000,000 fund being raised by the national colored soldiers' comfort committee, with headquarters here.

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British Hurl Back Two Massed Forces  
Who Make Violent Attempts to  
Break Their Lines.

With the British Armies in the Field, Dec. 8.—At least 2,000 Germans perished in two violent and fruitless attempts to break the British lines around Vial Wood yesterday.

Twenty-five separate German divisions have been identified as composing the enemy offensive forces in this sector, indicating the Germans have at least 375,000 men massed there.

The British defended the old Hindenburg line against several powerful attempts to retake it. The enemy was stubbornly determined. Along one massed German troops were repulsed. Almost immediately a second attacking wave formed.

This second wave of densely packed masses of men was caught in the British artillery storm and wiped out.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The repulse of two German attacking waves which followed a violent bombardment around Bezonvaux and Beaumont, on the right bank of the Meuse, was announced in yesterday's official statement. The attackers were thrown back by fierce French defensive fire.

Active artillery firing was reported along the Rhine-Rhone canal region.

Berlin (via London), Dec. 8.—German troops stormed La Justice Farm and cleared Maroing of the enemy yesterday's official statement from the Cambrai front asserted.

North of La Vocquerie the German troops maintained their positions. The enemy penetrated them for a time, but were thrown back by a counter-attack. London, Dec. 8.—The British war report issued Thursday says the infantry action on the Cambrai front Thursday night was limited to patrol encounters in which a few prisoners were taken. There was increased artillery fire on both banks of the Scarpe.

## YAQUI INDIANS ON WARPAT IN MEXICO

Burn Office and Storehouse of American Concern—Nothing Heard from 30 Americans Living in the Vicinity.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 8.—Yaqui Indians Thursday attacked Esperanza, 70 miles south of Guaymas, Sonora, according to a message received here yesterday, and burnt the office and storehouse of the Richardson Construction Co., an American firm. Nothing has been heard from about 30 Americans living in the vicinity.

## CORN PRICES DECLINE.

The Embargo on Eastbound Shipments Causes General Selling.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Announcement of an embargo on corn and oats eastbound from Chicago beginning Dec. 10, brought about general selling yesterday in the corn market. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as Thursday's finish to one-half cent lower, with January \$1.21 1/4 to \$1.21 3/4 and May \$1.19 1/4 to \$1.19 3/4, were followed by material declines all around.

## PROTESTANT ORPHAN- AGE COMPLETELY DEVASTATED

Matron and All Except Two of the Children Believed to Have Been Killed.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—The matron and all but two of the children at the Protestant orphanage are believed to have perished. One of these children was not in the building at the time of the explosion.

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**The Problem of Farm Help.**

The problem of farm help next year will be greater than ever before in the history of the country. The farmers will be called upon to plant, cultivate and harvest more acres, but they must have assistance. It may be found advisable to mobilize a large number of young men, perhaps the boys from the high schools and colleges, and to have them moved forward from one section to another. A small army gathered in this way, and transported from one town to another by motor cars as occasion required, could do wonders. It might be a good scheme to have them operate as county units. Some plan not heretofore worked must be arranged and executed if the crop output is increased to the point which this country and the allies will demand.—Bartlett-boro Phoenix.

Charles H. Beckett.

A brilliant member of the class of 1881 at Dartmouth, whose achievements in college were matched by his success in after life, was Charles Henry Beckett, formerly surrogate of New York county, who died in New York City on Thursday.—Concord Monitor.

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